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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 7, after line 29, insert as a new paragraph:

--The carbon black product can comprise a carbon black and at least one organic group having a) an aromatic group and b) a cationic group, wherein at least one aromatic group of the organic group is attached to the carbon black. The organic group can be, for example $X^-R_3N^+CH_2COAr$, wherein R is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, Ar is phenylene or naphthylene, and X^- is a halide or an anion derived from a mineral or organic acid.--